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In re Application of:

Giovanna Galli et al.

Appl. No.: 10/722,334

Filed: November 25, 2003

Title: LIQUID POLYMER COMPOSITION
FOR PREVENTION AND TREATMENT
OF ORAL CAVITY DISEASES

Confirmation No.: 6523

Examiner: Lezah Roberts

Group Art Unit: 1614

Atty Docket No. 141483.00005

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

The following is being submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 31, 2006
from Examiner Lezah Roberts of Art Unit 1614.

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The above-captioned patent application is pending.

Claims 1-13 are pending in this patent application.

Claims 6-7 and 9-13 have been withdrawn.

Claims 1-5 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1-2, 4-5, and are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Friedman et al. (US 5,160,737).

Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Mantelle et al. (US 6,562,363).

Claims 1 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hasegawa et al (US 4,701,320).

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Friedman (US 4,980,170).

SUMMARY OF USPTO FEES ENCLOSED HERewith

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1. Extension of Time

A separate petition for an extension of time of 2 months up to and including August 31, 2006, to respond to the outstanding Office Action, along with the appropriate fee for a small entity of \$225 is authorized to be charged to Deposit Account 50-1429.

2. No Excess Claims Fees

Claims fees for 20 total claims and 3 independent claims have been submitted. This response and amendment results in 7 total claims and 2 independent claims. As such, no additional claims fee are due.